



# DISCIPLER TRAINING INT'L.

## Update on Cuba

Francisco, our contact in Cuba, and his son-in-law Jony were able to stop over in Reno last November while visiting family in Atlanta. Francisco was able to meet Art Barkley and share his vision for the church in Cuba to grow in spiritual maturity and his belief that discipleship and the DTI materials are helping in that process.

He greeted the Sunday morning crowd at Reno Christian Fellowship, thanking them for their support of the August trip. He shared



with the youth about being a Christian in Cuba. (For instance, they were required to leave their 8-yr-old daughter in Cuba, to be sure they returned!) And Jony performed a song he wrote.

On Sunday evening Francisco and Jony shared at Summit Iglesia in



Sparks, pastored by Leo Castro who was part of our training team in Cuba last August.

We spent several days debriefing the last trip and laying the groundwork for our return to do training in the central part of the island.



**PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYER** for the Cuban pastors and leaders who will attend, and for us to discern God's will regarding the DTI training team, as we plan to return to Cuba in June of 2010. We plan to hold the conference at a church campground for 200 attendees.

Other Prayer Requests:

- Finances for the pastors (\$20 each) which pays for their lodging, meals, transportation, and a DTI manual.
- God's provision to get the manuals through customs in Cuba — again!
- Finances for the DTI team to travel. (approximately \$1,000 per trainer)
- US State Department approval to add more trainers to our license allowing travel directly to Cuba from the U.S.A.
- For pastor Humberto, our hermano in Nogales, who is seeking God's wisdom about going.
- For Rosario and Luis, who attended our training at Summit Iglesia, and feel God's prompting to join our training teams. This is a result of the teaching conducted by Adam Barkley and Frank Meitz with Pastor Leo since 2008, and is a wonderful example of the multi-generational growth that we expect to see in a church body—that the original Discipeler becomes a "spiritual grandparent".
- For Pablo & Martha Garcia, missionaries from Link International Ministries, serving in Ensenada, Mexico, who introduced us to Francisco.

## Plans for Chile

A "God Incident" is obvious: The night before the 8.8 magnitude earthquake struck in Chile on Feb 27, we purchased tickets for four DTI trainers to travel to Santiago, Chile in mid April!

Please pray that people will turn to Him in the midst of this hardship, for the pastors and leaders who will come to the training, for the costs, as well as the differences in culture we will encounter in Chile.

An organization of approximately 20 churches has requested training for their pastors and leaders to help them begin discipling and equipping their church members. During the five-day conference we expect about 100 participants.

Trainers going to Chile: Frank Meitz, Pablo Garcia, Leo Castro, and Rosario Quiñónez, one of the graduates of the Summit Iglesia class from two years ago.

We have heard from Jimmy, our contact in Chile, that they are okay — and are tentatively planning to go ahead with the conference.

## The Manual Update

We have reformatted the manual *A Tool For Personal Discipleship*.

This three-year process, completed in January, 2010, has standardized the pagination through all three phases, as well as simplified the lesson numbers. Three lessons from Phase 3 were moved to Phase 1.

To download the new version, go to our website

[www.disciplers.org](http://www.disciplers.org)

or click here [DTI-TOOL.PDF](#)



### **Covenant Presbyterian Church**

We recently received this note from a layman at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Reno, following a weekend retreat and 14 months of in-depth DTI study, with active participation by Pastor Jay Hull and other men:



*When we invited DTI to present to the men of Covenant at our annual Men's Retreat in 2008, we didn't know the commitment that we were making would last*

*almost two years. We have been blessed by DTI and the dedication of Evan Gannon and Derek Dunstone who have exceeded our wildest expectations. Evan has never missed an opportunity to get up early, 4:00AM most Mondays, to come to Covenant and share discipleship with our group of men.*

*The benefits can be summed up in a comment one of the wives made: "My husband finally got it!" All of us who are serious about this study have had a renewal of understanding about what a relationship with God should look like. We also see what God expects from us in that relationship. Most churches are full of people that have little knowledge of what Christianity is all about. They just go through the motions. Churches don't have systems in place to help them understand what is expected and what the benefits of being a disciple of Christ are. The tool developed by Art and presented by Frank at our retreat gave some of us a vision and a solution to what I believe is a major problem in the Church today.*

*The DTI material has invited us to discuss the fine points of how we should relate to and serve our Father in Heaven. It has been a journey that requires sharing with someone.*

*I decided last fall to start a class using the DTI materials and see where God would lead. Our class size has been running 18 to 20 each Sunday. I am receiving several positive comments about the content and how it is giving them a better view of their Christian walk.*

*I have been blessed to be a part of this program and now that I have been privileged to teach the Discipleship Class at Covenant, I know that as its leader I will learn more than any one attending. It also comes with an increased pressure, to do more than talk but I will also need to walk the walk with the guidance of our Lord and Savior.*

*Living the life of a Shepherd: John Hill*

### **Pray for Translation Efforts**

**SPANISH:** Joining Art Barkley in a complete overhaul of the Spanish translation of the DTI manual are Dean and Elaine Kempf, former New Tribes Mission missionaries in Bolivia now living in Washington state, along with their Bolivian sister-in-law Soledad. Dean has also been telling churches in his area about DTI, as well as personally discipling others. The translation into Spanish is very timely since we will be taking that version with us to Chile and Cuba in the next few months.

**MANDARIN:** A Christian friend in mainland China has asked for the DTI Manual to be translated into Mandarin. They are in a major city where they are using the Bible to teach English in "street corner classes". This naturally allows the students to ask questions about the stories they are reading and our friend to provide additional information, with the result that many people are making personal decisions for Him. Having the DTI materials in Mandarin will make it easier to disciple them.

Pastor Ben Lin of the Chinese Alliance Church in Reno, is working with a woman in Arizona who has begun translating the Phase One lessons into Mandarin.

### **We Send Free CDs World-Wide**

In 2009 we sent out 297 CDs in both Spanish and English, which were requested via our website. About half went to the US, 13 to Argentina and many to Central America countries. 30 to African countries; 12 to India; 14 to the Philippines and 10 to the UK. Malaysia, Miramar, Papua New Guinea, Sri Lanka and the Ukraine were some of the more exotic countries requesting CDs.

We continue to receive encouraging emails such as this one from South Africa:

*The discipleship CD has been a real blessing. We have used it on a mission trip to Malawi. They are teaching it to their congregations and to leadership in their areas. Because of the teachings we shared with them, they are holding a conference and we are invited to come back to take part. We do plan to go further north into Africa with the teachings this year at the end of August. Thank you so much, Yours in Christ. D.G.*

And this email from a ministry with headquarters in England:  
*Thank you for this excellent ministry. Your material seems to be just what we have been looking for to help support the work of our member churches and ministries in Asia and Africa. Bless you.*

### **What is DTI?**

Discipler Training International is a non-denominational ministry, providing free discipleship lessons for spiritual growth, discipling believers, and training disciplers. DTI is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Inquiries and tax-deductible donations may be sent to the address below.

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